



Strathcona County  
**OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES**



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## OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES (OHV)

An off-highway vehicle (OHV) is any motorized mode of transportation built for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh or swampland, or on other natural terrain, such as snowmobile, quad/ATV, dirt bikes etc... (S.117 Traffic Safety Act TSA)

### What you need to ride

- » Must be able to produce valid registration and insurance (S.119 TSA) with identification when requested to do so by a peace officer (S.124 TSA)
- » Licence plates must be clearly displayed on the OHV. (S. 18(3) Off Highway Vehicle Regulation)
- » Riders must be at least 14 years of age to operate an OHV on their own. Any rider under the age of 14 is required to be within close proximity of a supervision adult (S.2 OHVR)
- » Helmets are mandatory in Alberta as of May 2017 (S. 128.1 Traffic Safety Act)
- » Refer to OHV rules and regulations for complete requirements.

**Be informed. Fines range from \$78 - \$310.  
Contact Enforcement Services at 780-449-0170  
for more information.**



## Designated snowmobile trails

### (when season, conditions and designated times permit use)

- » Ministik Lake Game and Bird Sanctuary **780-464-7955**
- » Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area **780-922-3293**
- » Alberta Snowmobile Association [www.altasnowmobile.ab.ca](http://www.altasnowmobile.ab.ca) **780-427-2695**
- » Lakes (when frozen and safe to do so)

## Designated ATV riding area

- » North Bruderheim Provincial Recreation Area  
[www.albertaparks.ca/north-bruderheim.aspx](http://www.albertaparks.ca/north-bruderheim.aspx)

## Trespassing

- » Section 2 of the Petty Trespass Act: It's a riders responsibility to stay within a designated riding area. Leaving a riding area or entering on land without permission is trespassing and may result in being arrested and charged.

## Where you can ride

In Strathcona County, off-highway vehicles are permitted to travel on your own private property or, with permission of another property owner, their private property or where designated.

When OHVs cross a highway, they must stop and yield to all traffic, have all passengers get off, and cross by the most direct, shortest and safest route. (S.120 TSA)

## Where you CANNOT ride

In Strathcona County, off-highway

vehicles are not permitted to travel along any road or highway. A highway is defined as any section of a roadway, trail, parking lot, or route or any part of them, whether privately or publicly owned, that the public is ordinarily permitted to use **including ditches** and all the land between the fences and edge of a roadway. (S.120 TSA)

Off-highway vehicles are not permitted on any park, recreation or exhibition grounds, environmental reserve, municipal and school reserve within the County. (Parks Bylaw 21-2013 S.12.2)

## **Education and Enforcement/Off-Highway Vehicle Unit**

Strathcona County has its own full-time joint force unit comprised of RCMP and municipal Enforcement Services members that are dedicated to working with off-highway vehicle drivers to promote safe practices.

The goal is to raise awareness of important issues surrounding the use of these vehicles, including environmental impact, public safety and fire prevention.

## **Alcohol and OHVs don't mix**

In Alberta, an OHV driver can be charged with the same impaired driving charges as a driver of a motor vehicle. The majority of OHV collisions involve drinking and riding. Play it safe. Avoid alcohol and drugs before and during the ride.



This brochure is not a complete list of OHV rules and regulations. For further information please refer to:

- » **Provincial Parks (General) Regulation**
- » **Traffic Safety Act**
- » **Off Highway Vehicle Regulation**
- » **Petty Trespass Act**  
[www.qp.alberta.ca](http://www.qp.alberta.ca)
- » **The Strathcona County  
Off-Highway Vehicle Enforcement Unit**  
780-449-0170
- » **The Canadian Criminal Code**  
[www.CANLII.org](http://www.CANLII.org)

